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Realm of the Blue Mist: A Graphic Novel (The Rema Chronicles #1) Sep 21 2021 Enter the rich and fantastical world of Rema in the first installment of this middle-grade graphic novel series with sweeping adventure and light romance! Tabby Simon is determined to learn what happened to her father, who was found dead after researching a tree that leaks a mysterious mist in her neighborhood. She is unexpectedly led to Rema, a distant world of magic and beauty that is periodically invaded by a nearby planet desperate for resources. While Tabby searches for the truth surrounding her father's death, she meets a handsome blue-haired boy named Philip. He has his own dangerous secrets, but has promised to help Tabby get home. As she learns more about this strange world, Tabby discovers that she is destined for something far greater than she ever could have imagined.

The Billionaire and the Virgin Oct 11 2020 Fourteen years after losing his wife, Vee; and unborn child; Henry finds himself no longer fulfilled by his property empire and Club S - his fantasy club where he seeks no-strings satisfaction. Then Vee's half-sister comes to visit. The Amelia he remembers was 9 years old, not this 23-year-old very attractive blonde. Within hours, she's turning Henry's life upside-down. Is Henry finally ready to live life again, or will he continue to close himself off from love?

If you like stories of HOT rich alpha males, stories that pull at the heartstrings, and happy ever afters, read on...

Weaning Jun 06 2020 Wean your baby confidently and safely, with guidance from bestselling baby and child nutrition author, Annabel Karmel. The new edition of Weaning guides you through every aspect of weaning your baby, with advice on when to start weaning, which foods to introduce first, how to prepare foods safely, and how to spoon feed purées and solid foods. With up-to-date information on allergies and intolerances, advice on how to encourage baby-led weaning, and tips on combining foods to build up flavours and textures, you can be sure your baby is getting exactly what his or her growing body needs. Over 60 enticing and versatile weaning recipes take you from 6 months to 12 months and beyond, along with 4 nutritionally balanced meal planners and tips on meal preparation and freezing. Every recipe in the cookbook can be adapted to cater for common allergies and intolerances, vegetarian diets, and many recipes suggest simple ingredient swaps to challenge and excite your baby's maturing palate. With real-world advice, encouragement and troubleshooting strategies for parents from Annabel Karmel along the way, this weaning book gives you everything you need to introduce your baby to a wealth of solid foods. Weaning lays the foundations for a lifetime of happy, healthy eating habits and a

progression towards positive family mealtimes.

Rules for Retrogrades Aug 21 2021 What is a retrograde? In the words of Shakespeare, a retrograde is one of God's spies. The retrograde has the unique capacity for understanding the stark chasm between the degenerate, socialist-infiltrated world of decay on one side and the well-meaning, good-hearted, but clueless Christian world on the other.

The Life of Mary Baker G. Eddy and the History of Christian Science Jan 14 2021 This controversial biography of the founder of the Christian Science church was serialized in McClure's Magazine in 1907-8 and published as a book the next year. It disappeared almost overnight and has been difficult to find ever since. Although a Canadian newspaperwoman named Georgine Milmine collected the material and was credited as the author, *The Life Of Mary Baker G. Eddy* was actually written by Willa Cather, an editor at McClure's at that time. In his introduction to this Bison Book edition, David Stouck reveals new evidence of Cather's authorship of *The Life of Mary Baker G. Eddy*. He discusses her fidelity to facts and her concern with psychology and philosophy that would take creative form later on. Indeed, this biography contains "some of the finest portrait sketches and reflections on human nature that Willa Cather would ever write."

By My Side Nov 04 2022 Lily Saunders sees her family falling apart. Her father is deserting her, and her mother is drinking more and more. Even sarcasm can't help Lily. When she thinks her best friend, Andy Green, will help her, she discovers how his blinding jealousy will mess everything up. And then Gabe Green comes back home. She thinks it'll be like always between them-sarcasms and curses thrown at each other-but she's mistaken. He's different, and understands right away the problems she's trying to keep for herself. But even if he's there for her, making her fall hard, they both know it'll end soon. Because at their age, you can't expect forever. Right?

The Girls in the Wild Fig Tree Oct 23 2021 'A real hero looks like Nice Leng'ete . . . [An] elegant and inspiring memoir' New York Times Nice Leng`ete was raised in a Maasai village in Kenya. In 1998, when Nice was six, her parents fell sick and died, and Nice and her sister Soila were

taken in by their father's brother, who had little interest in the girls beyond what their dowries might fetch. Fearing "the cut" (female genital mutilation, a painful and sometimes deadly ritualistic surgery), which was the fate of all Maasai women, Nice and Soila climbed a tree to hide. Nice hoped to find a way to avoid the cut forever, but Soila understood it would be impossible. But maybe if one of the sisters submitted, the other would be spared. After Soila chose to undergo the surgery, sacrificing herself to save Nice, their lives diverged. Soila married, dropped out of school, and had children -- all in her teenage years -- while Nice postponed receiving the cut, continued her education, and became the first in her family to attend college. Supported by Amref, Nice used visits home to set an example for what an uncut Maasai woman can achieve. Other women listened, and the elders finally saw the value of intact, educated girls as the way of the future. The village has since ended FGM entirely, and Nice continues the fight to end FGM throughout Africa and the world. Nice's journey from "heartbroken child and community outcast, to leader of the Maasai" is an inspiration and a reminder that one person can change the world -- and every girl is worth saving.

There and Black Again Sep 29 2019 Starring the Grammy award winning filmmaker, rock star, dj, radio broadcaster, social commentator, husband and father Don Letts, *There And Black Again* takes in many lives and places. It is written as scenes from a movie shot on location in London, Kingston, New York, Los Angeles, Windhoek, Salt Lake City, and Goldeneye. Co-starring a cast of hundreds, including Joe Strummer, John Lydon, Bob Marley, Chrissie Hynde, Chris Blackwell, Paul McCartney, Nelson Mandela, Keith Richards, Pattie Smith, Chuck D., McLaren, and Westwood, etc., it takes in major cultural movements from skinhead through punk to Black Lives Matter, and includes scenes of civil unrest, live music, humour, and political struggle. *There And Black Again* describes in clear-eyed detail a life of work and love, of battles against prejudice and negativity, of failures and great successes. It describes a six-decade journey through sound and vision which has left a unique body of award-winning work in film, television, and music.

Minecraft: Wither Without You Volume 1 (Graphic Novel) Dec 13

2020 The newest addition to the Dark Horse line of graphic novels set in the world of the gaming phenomenon, Minecraft! Cahira and Orion are twin monster hunters under the tutelage of Senan the Thorough. After an intense battle with an enchanted wither, their mentor is eaten and the twins are now alone! The two hunters go on a mission to get their mentor back, and meet an unlikely ally along the way! Stumbling into her underground home, Cahira and Orion meet Atria--a girl cursed as a monster lure! The twins convince Atria to join their rescue mission to use her monster-attracting abilities to find the enchanted wither . . . and Atria wants to learn how to protect herself against the mobs of monsters coming for her! Jump into the Overworld with the first adventure of a three-volume series!

Kill Creek Jan 26 2022 A psychological horror with a literary twist, Kill Creek delivers elevated prose, while evoking the unnerving, atmospheric terror essential to greats like Peter Straub and Stephen King—a haunting that lingers long after turning the last page.

The Maleficent Seven Nov 11 2020 When you are all out of heroes, all that's left are the villains. Black Herran was a dread demonologist, and the most ruthless general in all Essoran. She assembled the six most fearsome warriors to captain her armies: a necromancer, a vampire lord, a demigod, an orcish warleader, a pirate queen, and a twisted alchemist. Together they brought the whole continent to its knees... Until the day she abandoned her army, on the eve of total victory. 40 years later, she must bring her former captains back together for one final stand, in the small town of Tarnbrooke - the last bastion against a fanatical new enemy tearing through the land, intent on finishing the job Black Herran started years before. Seven bloodthirsty monsters. One town. Their last hope. File Under: Fantasy [Heroes or Horrors? | Flames and Faith | Blood and Guts | Hell Demons]

Asher Oct 03 2022 USA TODAY and NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Almost three years ago, a car crash took Audrey's dad and scarred her for life. Now eighteen, she returns to her hometown for the first time after the accident. She's here to start again. Go to college and have fun. Make new friends. Get over the past. But the past won't let go. Asher is

here-her first kiss, her first heartbreak. More handsome and distant than ever, he's still the boy who used to be her best friend. That was before he changed into someone she hardly knows anymore-the boy who started getting into fights and gave her the cold shoulder for years. Asher isn't what she needs. In fact, she hates him and should try her best to keep away from him. Yet her body doesn't seem to care about how she feels, and maybe, just maybe this time her body got it right. Not that she has much of a choice. Asher draws her like a bright flame, and if she isn't careful, she'll burn. And that may not be such a bad thing after all...

Standalone novel. No cliffhanger. *A new adult contemporary sexy romance with suspense, bad boys and illegal MMA fighters*

Clean Mar 28 2022 A group of teens in a Seattle-area rehabilitation center form an unlikely friendship as they begin to focus less on their own problems with drugs and alcohol by reaching out to help a new member, who seems to have even deeper issues to resolve.

Until I Say Good-Bye Feb 24 2022 THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER What would you do with one last year? Susan Spencer-Wendel was determined to laugh instead of cry. In June 2011, Susan Spencer-Wendel learned she had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) - Lou Gehrig's disease - an irreversible condition that systematically destroys the nerves that power the muscles. She was 44-years-old, with three young children, and she had only one year of health remaining. She decided to live that year with joy. She left her job as a journalist and spent time with her family. She built a meeting place for friends in her backyard. And she took seven trips with the seven most important people in her life. As her health declined, Susan journeyed to the Yukon, Hungary, the Bahamas, and Cyprus. She went to the beach with her sons and to Kleinfeld's bridal shop in New York City with her teenage daughter, Marina, for a glimpse of the wedding she would never attend. She also wrote this book. No longer able to walk or even lift her arms, she tapped it out letter by letter on her iPhone using only her right thumb, the last finger still working. And yet *Until I Say Good-Bye* is not angry or bitter. It is sad in parts - how could it not be? - but it is filled with Susan's optimism, joie de vivre and sense of humour. It is a book that, like Susan, will make everyone

smile. From a hilarious family Christmas disaster to the decrepit monastery in eastern Cyprus where she rediscovered her heritage, *Until I Say Good-Bye* is Susan Spencer-Wendel's unforgettable gift to her loved ones and to us: a record of their final experiences together and a reminder that every day is better when it is lived with joy.

Crow'S Row Jul 08 2020 For college student Emily Sheppard, the thought of spending a summer alone in New York is much more preferable than spending it in France with her parents. Just completing her freshman year at Callister University, Emily faces a quiet summer in the city slums, supporting herself by working at the campus library. During one of her jogs through the nearby cemetery while visiting her brother Bills grave, Emily witnesses a brutal killing and then she blacks out. When Emily regains consciousness, she realizes she's been kidnapped by a young crime boss and his gang. She is hurled into a secret underworld, wondering why she is still alive and for how long. Held captive in rural Vermont, she tries to make sense of her situation and what it means. While uncovering secrets about her brother and his untimely death, Emily falls in love with her very rich and very dangerous captor, twenty-six-year-old Cameron. She understands it's a forbidden love and one that won't allow her to return to her previous life. But love may not be enough to save Emily when no one even knows she is missing.

Stronger Oct 30 2019 Jeff Bauman woke up on 16th April 2013, in the Boston Medical Center, groggy from a series of lifesaving surgeries and missing his legs. Just 30 hours prior, Jeff was surrounded by revelry at the finish line of the Boston Marathon cheering on his girlfriend, Erin, when the first bomb went off at his feet. When Jeff awoke, rather than take stock of his completely altered life, he ripped out his breathing tube and tried to speak. He couldn't. So he wrote seven words, 'Saw the guy. Looked right at me,' setting off one of the biggest manhunts in the country's history and beginning his own brave road to recovery. His remarkable story is a testament to what it means to be Boston Strong.

Because of Jesus Jun 30 2022 Scripture says you became the Proverbs 31 woman the moment you accepted Christ. With this Bible study you will

learn how to experience the freedom that comes when you understand the revelation of who Jesus is, what He's done for you, and who you already are because of Him.

The Hook Up Jan 02 2020 The rules: no kissing on the mouth, no staying the night, no telling anyone, and above all... No falling in love. Anna Jones just wants to finish college and figure out her life. Falling for star quarterback Drew Baylor is certainly not on her to-do list. Confident and charming, he lives in the limelight and is way too gorgeous for his own good. If only she could ignore his heated stares and stop thinking about doing hot and dirty things with him. Easy right? Too bad he's committed to making her break every rule... Football has been good to Drew. It's given him recognition, two National Championships, and the Heisman. But what he really craves is sexy yet prickly Anna Jones. Her cutting humor and blatant disregard for his fame turns him on like nothing else. But there's one problem: she's shut him down. Completely. That is until a chance encounter leads to the hottest sex of their lives, along with the possibility of something great. Unfortunately, Anna wants it to remain a hook up. Now it's up to Drew to tempt her with more: more sex, more satisfaction, more time with him. Until she's truly hooked. It's a good thing Drew knows all about winning. All's fair in love and football...Game on.

Stroke of Midnight Apr 16 2021 Money can buy anything. And anyone. As the head of the Constantine family, I'm used to people bowing to my will. Cruel, rigid, unyielding—I'm all those things. When I discover the one woman who doesn't wither under my gaze, but instead smiles right back at me, I'm intrigued. Ash Elliott needs cash, and I make her trade in crudeness and degradation for it. I crave her tears, her moans. I pay for each one. And every time, she comes back for more. When she challenges me with an offer of her own, I have to decide if I'm willing to give her far more than cold hard cash. But love can have deadly consequences when it comes from a Constantine. At the stroke of midnight, that choice may be lost for both of us. Welcome to the Midnight Dynasty... The warring Morelli and Constantine families have enough bad blood to fill an ocean, and their brand new stories will be

told by your favorite dangerous romance authors. WARNING: This book is intended for readers eighteen years old and over. It contains material that some readers could find disturbing. Enter at your own risk...

The Edomites Dec 25 2021

On a Crazy Idea Apr 28 2022 It started On a Crazy Idea. A plan I was completely set on. All I wanted was to get pregnant. The "father" didn't matter. I'd simply walk into the nearest bar, And find my "Baby Daddy." Asking my best friend, Brock Lowe, To be my wingman seemed like a safe bet. After all, I wasn't looking to bed a serial killer. But, it turned out Brock had a plan of his own, One I never saw coming. To my surprise, sleeping with my best friend was more than I ever imagined. But now, there was more on the line than ever before, Something that was way off course from my original plan; His feelings, my heart and a potential baby. In hindsight, it may have been my worst idea. Ever.

How Much of These Hills Is Gold Jul 20 2021 A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR A WASHINGTON POST NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR ONE OF BARACK OBAMA'S FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR ONE OF NPR'S BEST BOOKS OF 2020 LONGLISTED FOR THE 2020 BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST FOR THE 2020 CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE WINNER OF THE ROSENTHAL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD, FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS A NATIONAL BOOK FOUNDATION "5 UNDER 35" HONOREE NATIONAL BESTSELLER "Belongs on a shelf all of its own." —NPR "Outstanding." —The Washington Post "Revolutionary . . . A visionary addition to American literature." —Star Tribune An electric debut novel set against the twilight of the American gold rush, two siblings are on the run in an unforgiving landscape—trying not just to survive but to find a home. Ba dies in the night; Ma is already gone. Newly orphaned children of immigrants, Lucy and Sam are suddenly alone in a land that refutes their existence. Fleeing the threats of their western mining town, they set off to bury their father in the only way that will set them free from their past. Along the way, they encounter giant buffalo bones, tiger paw prints, and the specters of a ravaged landscape as well as family secrets, sibling rivalry, and glimpses of a

different kind of future. Both epic and intimate, blending Chinese symbolism and reimagined history with fiercely original language and storytelling, *How Much of These Hills Is Gold* is a haunting adventure story, an unforgettable sibling story, and the announcement of a stunning new voice in literature. On a broad level, it explores race in an expanding country and the question of where immigrants are allowed to belong. But page by page, it's about the memories that bind and divide families, and the yearning for home.

Misadventures with a Duke Aug 28 2019 Could his past be the key to her future? Even optimists have bad days, but Raegan Tavish's streak has lasted for weeks. The rising star of fashion stylists is dealing with both a bad break-up and a creative slump, so apartment sitting for her lovebird friends feels like a way to realign karma—until fate has its say. As soon as Bastien De Leon steps out of the giant wardrobe in his brother's master bedroom, Raegan knows what kind of complication has just struck her life. The cabinet is no normal piece of imposing furniture. It's a time travel device, and it's just brought this stunning warrior forward by over two hundred years. But why? On a quest to return Bastien back to the time in which he belongs, Raegan already knows she will be forever changed by this arrogant duke and his irresistible passions. But what if Bastien's intrusion isn't just a visit? What if this man is here to awaken something new inside her...and change the course of her existence forever? *Misadventures* is a romantic series of spicy standalone novels, each written or co-written by some of the best names in romance. The stories are scandalous, refreshing, and, of course, incredibly sexy. They're the perfect bedside read, a 'quick blush' for the reader who loves a page-turning romance.

Nash Aug 01 2022 From New York Times bestselling author Jay Crownover comes the fourth book in the *Marked Men* series. Saint Ford has worked hard to achieve her childhood dream of becoming of nurse. Focused on her work and devoted to her patients, there's no room for love. She doesn't need a guy making waves in her calm, serene life—especially when he's the unforgettable hottie who nearly destroyed her in high school. Dark, brooding Nash Donovan might not remember

her or the terrible pain he caused. But he turned her world upside down . . . and now he's trying to do it again. Saint has no idea that Nash isn't the cocky player he once was. Uncovering a devastating family secret has rocked his world, and now he's struggling to figure out his future. He can't be distracted by the pretty nurse he seems to meet everywhere. Still, he can't ignore the sparks that fly between them—or how she seems so desperate to get away from him. But the funny, sweet, and drop-dead gorgeous Saint is far too amazing to give up on—especially since she's the only thing in his life that seems to make sense. When Nash discovers the truth about their past, he realizes he may have lost her heart before he could even fight for it. Now, Saint has to decide: is Nash worth risking herself for all over again?

Good Strategy/Bad Strategy Jun 18 2021 When Richard Rumelt's *Good Strategy/Bad Strategy* was published in 2011, it immediately struck a chord, calling out as bad strategy the mish-mash of pop culture, motivational slogans and business buzz speak so often and misleadingly masquerading as the real thing. Since then, his original and pragmatic ideas have won fans around the world and continue to help readers to recognise and avoid the elements of bad strategy and adopt good, action-oriented strategies that honestly acknowledge the challenges being faced and offer straightforward approaches to overcoming them. Strategy should not be equated with ambition, leadership, vision or planning; rather, it is coherent action backed by an argument. For Rumelt, the heart of good strategy is insight into the hidden power in any situation, and into an appropriate response - whether launching a new product, fighting a war or putting a man on the moon. Drawing on examples of the good and the bad from across all sectors and all ages, he shows how this insight can be cultivated with a wide variety of tools that lead to better thinking and better strategy, strategy that cuts through the hype and gets results.

Ways Of Living Mar 04 2020 Andie can see no other way to escape a wedding than by hiding in a tree. Esther starts a new life in a King's Cross hotel with a bad-tempered ventriloquist dummy, while Gina finally leaves a group of infuriating friends - but not before providing them with

a suitable replacement. *Ways of Living* is Gemma Seltzer's keen exploration of what it means to be a modern woman inhabiting the urban landscape. Nine stories of ordinary women going to extraordinary lengths to be understood, acting in bold and unpredictable ways as they map their identities onto London's streets.

A Wild Winter Swan Feb 01 2020 After brilliantly reimagining the worlds of Oz, Wonderland, Dickensian London, and the Nutcracker, the New York Times bestselling author of *Wicked* turns his unconventional genius to Hans Christian Andersen's "The Wild Swans," transforming this classic tale into an Italian-American girl's poignant coming-of-age story, set amid the magic of Christmas in 1960s New York. Following her brother's death and her mother's emotional breakdown, Laura now lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, in a lonely townhouse she shares with her old-world, strict, often querulous grandparents. But the arrangement may be temporary. The quiet, awkward teenager has been getting into trouble at home and has been expelled from her high school for throwing a record album at a popular girl who bullied her. When Christmas is over and the new year begins, Laura may find herself at boarding school in Montreal. Nearly unmoored from reality through her panic and submerged grief, Laura is startled when a handsome swan boy with only one wing lands on her roof. Hiding him from her ever-bickering grandparents, Laura tries to build the swan boy a wing so he can fly home. But the task is too difficult to accomplish herself. Little does Laura know that her struggle to find help for her new friend parallels that of her grandparents, who are desperate for a distant relative's financial aid to save the family store. As he explores themes of class, isolation, family, and the dangerous yearning to be saved by a power greater than ourselves, Gregory Maguire conjures a haunting, beautiful tale of magical realism that illuminates one young woman's heartbreak and hope as she begins the inevitable journey to adulthood.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Sep 09 2020 Forty years after the disappearance of Harriet Vanger from the island owned and inhabited by the Vanger family, her uncle hires journalist Mikael Blomqvist and hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate, in a tale retold in graphic novel

format.

The Boys of Summer May 30 2022 It seemed only natural to nickname them the 'Onslow Boys'. Every time they swaggered in the front door of the Onslow Hotel after a hard week's work, their laughter was loud and genuine as they settled onto their bar stools. I peeked through the restaurant partition, a flimsy divider between my world and theirs. I couldn't help but smile whenever I saw them, saw him... Toby Morrison. Quiet seventeen-year-old Tess doesn't relish the thought of a summertime job. She wants nothing more than to forget the past haunts of high school and have fun with her best friends before the dreaded Year Twelve begins. To Tess, summer is when everything happens: riding bikes down to the lake, watching the fireworks at the Onslow Show and water bomb fights at the sweltering Sunday markets. How did she let her friends talk her into working? After first-shift disasters, rude, wealthy tourists and a taunting ex-boyfriend, Tess is convinced nothing good can come of working her summer away. However, Tess finds unlikely allies in a group of locals dubbed 'The Onslow Boys', who are old enough to drive cars, drink beer and not worry about curfews. Tess's summer of working expands her world with a series of first times with new friends, forbidden love and heartbreaking chaos. All with the one boy she has never been able to forget. It will be a summer she will always remember. Warning: sexual references, and occasional coarse language. The Summer Series: Book 1: The Boys of Summer Book 1.5: Stan (Novella) Book 2: An Endless Summer Book 2.5: Max (Novella) Book 3: That One Summer Book 3.5: Ringer (Novella) Book 4: Forever Summer Authors Note: While each title can be read as a stand-alone story, you will likely enjoy taking the journey with these characters from the beginning.

I Love a Book Apr 04 2020 At once inspirational, silly, and fun, this lavishly illustrated picture book is a celebration of reading and children's marvelous capacity for enjoyment and imagination. Full color.

She Who Became the Sun Jun 26 2019 British Fantasy Award Winner Lambda Literary Award Finalist Two-time Hugo Award Finalist Locus Award Finalist "Magnificent in every way."—Samantha Shannon, author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree* "A dazzling new world of fate, war, love

and betrayal."—Zen Cho, author of *Black Water Sister She Who Became the Sun* reimagines the rise to power of the Ming Dynasty's founding emperor. To possess the Mandate of Heaven, the female monk Zhu will do anything "I refuse to be nothing..." In a famine-stricken village on a dusty yellow plain, two children are given two fates. A boy, greatness. A girl, nothingness... In 1345, China lies under harsh Mongol rule. For the starving peasants of the Central Plains, greatness is something found only in stories. When the Zhu family's eighth-born son, Zhu Chongba, is given a fate of greatness, everyone is mystified as to how it will come to pass. The fate of nothingness received by the family's clever and capable second daughter, on the other hand, is only as expected. When a bandit attack orphans the two children, though, it is Zhu Chongba who succumbs to despair and dies. Desperate to escape her own fated death, the girl uses her brother's identity to enter a monastery as a young male novice. There, propelled by her burning desire to survive, Zhu learns she is capable of doing whatever it takes, no matter how callous, to stay hidden from her fate. After her sanctuary is destroyed for supporting the rebellion against Mongol rule, Zhu takes the chance to claim another future altogether: her brother's abandoned greatness.

Parallel Hells Feb 12 2021 In this deliciously strange debut collection, Leon Craig draws on folklore and gothic horror in refreshingly inventive ways to explore queer identity, love, power and the complicated nature of being human. Some say that hell is other people and some say hell is loneliness . . . In the thirteen darkly audacious stories of *Parallel Hells* we meet a golem, made of clay, learning that its powers far exceed its Creator's expectations; a ruined mansion which grants the secret wishes of a group of revellers and a notorious murderer who discovers her Viking husband is not what he seems. Asta is an ancient being who feasts on the shame of contemporary Londoners, who now, beyond anything, wishes only to fit in with a group of friends they will long outlive. An Oxford historian, in bitter competition with the rest of her faculty members, discovers an ancient tome whose sinister contents might solve her problems. Livia orchestrates a Satanic mass to distract herself from a recently remembered trauma and two lovers must resolve their

differences in order to defy a lethal curse.

Maid Jul 28 2019 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Evicted meets Nickel and Dimed in Stephanie Land's memoir about working as a maid, a beautiful and gritty exploration of poverty in America. Includes a foreword by Barbara Ehrenreich. At 28, Stephanie Land's plans of breaking free from the roots of her hometown in the Pacific Northwest to chase her dreams of attending a university and becoming a writer, were cut short when a summer fling turned into an unexpected pregnancy. She turned to housekeeping to make ends meet, and with a tenacious grip on her dream to provide her daughter the very best life possible, Stephanie worked days and took classes online to earn a college degree, and began to write relentlessly. She wrote the true stories that weren't being told: the stories of overworked and underpaid Americans. Of living on food stamps and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) coupons to eat. Of the government programs that provided her housing, but that doubled as halfway houses. The aloof government employees who called her lucky for receiving assistance while she didn't feel lucky at all. She wrote to remember the fight, to eventually cut through the deep-rooted stigmas of the working poor. Maid explores the underbelly of upper-middle class America and the reality of what it's like to be in service to them. "I'd become a nameless ghost," Stephanie writes about her relationship with her clients, many of whom do not know her from any other cleaner, but who she learns plenty about. As she begins to discover more about her clients' lives-their sadness and love, too-she begins to find hope in her own path. Her compassionate, unflinching writing as a journalist gives voice to the "servant" worker, and those pursuing the American Dream from below the poverty line. Maid is Stephanie's story, but it's not her alone. It is an inspiring testament to the strength, determination, and ultimate triumph of the human spirit.

Shane Dec 01 2019 Once upon a time, my life was good. I had a family, I had a girlfriend, and hopes for the future. That was long ago, but I remember it. A hazy dream of what could have been. That's gone now. I lost it all. Life fucked me over, and now I'm scared of my own damn shadow. I'm training to be a tattoo artist, but I bet I'm not good enough. I

have a roof over my head, but every morning I'm scared shitless that I'll find myself on the street again - or worse, back in prison. And every time a pretty girl looks at me, every single fucking time, I know I can't be with her. Not only because she'll find out I'm an ex-con and run the other way, no. It's more than that. I just can't. The thought of anyone touching me, the thought of getting aroused from that touch brings back every damn nightmare from my past to swallow me whole. Can't fucking do it. Not even if it's the prettiest girl on earth - Cassie. With her long blond hair and her pretty tits, her short skirts and high heels, she's all my fantasies rolled into one. See, the fact she kissed one of my buddies? That's good. The fact she looks at me like I'm a bug under her shoe? Even better. Because it means she's not interested in getting hot and sweaty with me, and that I can keep living that fantasy. The fantasy that she wants to be with me as much as I want to be with her - even though I know it will never happen. ****WARNING**** If you have issues reading about abuse (physical or mental), then please DO NOT read this book. 18+ for sexual content, language and violence.

Not Little May 06 2020 Just because you're really small doesn't mean you can't have a big heart. When the diminutive Dot stands up to a bully on behalf of an even smaller friend, she proves how big she can truly be. Dot is the smallest person in her family and at school; even her name is small! People often mistake her for being younger than she is, but not when she tells them the square root of sixty-four is eight, nor when she orders from the grown-up menu at restaurants or checks out the hard books at the library. She may be small, but she's not little. When a new boy named Sam joins Dot's class, she wonders if he's even smaller than she is. When she sees him getting bullied by a mean kid twice his size, she knows she has to do the big thing and stand up for him. Maya Myers's debut picture book has a pitch-perfect voice that captures the inimitable Dot in all her fierceness, and Hyewon Yum's delightful pastel-hued artwork is its perfect complement. A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection An ALSC Notable Children's Book

Once Upon a Tide Nov 23 2021 Princess Lana is the youngest ambassador ever to represent her underwater kingdom, Clarion, at the

Royal Festival on land. And even though it means trading her mermaid tail for a clumsy pair of legs—and worse, spending a week with her mother, who chose life on land over her children seven years ago—Lana can't wait to prove her political chops. But once on shore, nothing goes as planned. The children of visiting dignitaries spread nasty rumors about Lana and her brother eavesdropping on humans' thoughts just because they can communicate telepathically underwater—never mind that their powers don't work on land. Lana's mom is wrapped up in the king of a neighboring kingdom, who turns out to be her new boyfriend. And despite her ambassador status, no one will let Lana near a single important negotiation or meeting. Then an earthquake strikes Clarion, and though Lana's desperate to rush to the aid of her people, her father insists she stay away indefinitely. As the days on land add up, nothing her parents tell her about the disaster makes sense. Soon Lana uncovers signs that more nefarious forces may be at work—and they could spell war for her people. Can Lana uncover the truth about what happened and protect those she loves before it's too late?

Where Things Come Back Mar 16 2021 A quirky coming-of-age story, perfect for fans of John Green, David Levithan and Stephen Chbosky. Cullen Witter's fifteen-year-old brother Gabriel has suddenly and inexplicably disappeared. Angry and looking for answers, Cullen must navigate his way through a summer of finding and losing love while holding his fragile family together. Meanwhile a young missionary in Africa is searching for meaning wherever he can find it. As distant as they seem, these stories are thoughtfully woven together, before a surprising and harrowing climax. Complex but truly extraordinary, tinged with melancholy and regret, comedy and absurdity; *Where Things Come Back* is about finding wonder in the ordinary and the dream of second chances.

Shane May 18 2021 Meet SHANE, the newest of the Damage Control Boys, set in the world of the bestselling series *Inked Brotherhood*. This is New Adult Contemporary Romance. Once upon a time, my life was good. I had a family, I had a girlfriend, and hopes for the future. That was long ago, but I remember it. A hazy dream of what could have been. That's

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Hate F*@k Sep 02 2022 Cole Parker is a Washington fixer. A crisis management expert with dubious ethics and an impeccable track record. And he has a problem: the very good, very sweet, dangerously sexy Hailey Dashford Reid, who wants nothing to do with her powerful and privileged family, aka his clients. Hailey refuses to cover up yet another scandal. She wants Cole to get out of her life-after he makes good on the filthy promise in his dark, glittering gaze. But the tangled web of corruption runs deeper than either of them know, and when provoked, ruthless forces push back. Hard.

Dirty Bad Wrong Aug 09 2020 They call him Masque. I call him God. The man I want to consume me, own me, break me and corrupt me. Yet I've never seen his face. His body ripples like an Adonis, sculpted in steel and dripping in sin. His flesh is inked with the mark of the chimera - one body, two very different halves. He plays hard. He plays rough. He has no limits. He's so fucking dirty bad wrong. But I love him for it. ******* Lydia

Marsh is always the strong one. The girl who never breaks, and sure as hell never cries. She's got it all - the perfect little life in cosy suburbia, with her perfectly nice boyfriend, and their perfectly sufficient sex life. She's even got her perfect little career plan all wrapped up at Trial Run Software Group. But when it all falls apart, and Lydia's pretty, green eyes are fixed on a brutally sexual stranger - the man they call Masque -

she comes to suspect that being strong isn't all it's cracked up to be. For now Lydia wants something she's never wanted before... And she wants Masque to give it to her. ****Warning - this novel contains graphic sex, and hardcore elements of BDSM. There are scenes of violence (consensual) as well as sexual practices some readers may find offensive. If you aren't turned on by dirty bad wrong sex then please walk on by. Thank you.****